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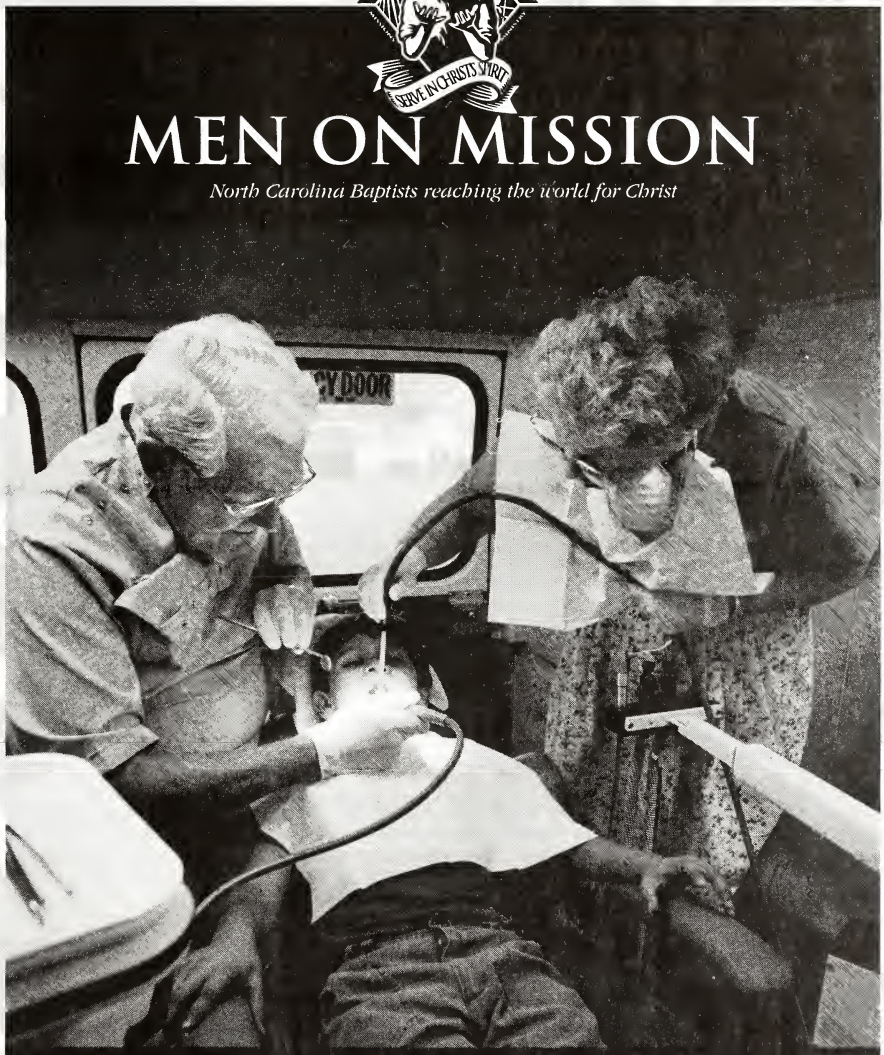

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Winter 1996

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MEN ON MISSION

On The Cover

This past year over 1,000 N.C. Baptist doctors, dentists, nurses, and other volunteers served on NCBM Medical/Dental bus in 99 different locations.

N.C. Baptist Men Staff

Richard Brunson, Mark Abernathy, Jimmy Huffman, Lynn Tharrington, Lee Sadler, Fatima Roma, Mary Sue Smith

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FROM THE DIRECTOR

Modern Day Angels

RICHARD BRUNSON, NCBM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

"The angel of the Lord will go before you." Exodus 32:34

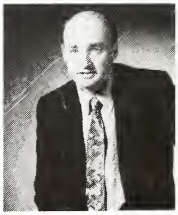
In the past few weeks I've heard several stories of modern day angels who "just happened" to be where they were most needed.

Bill Poindexter is the volunteer coordinator for the construction of the new Hispanic mission in Pittsboro. A few Saturdays ago they were working on the foundation of the new church. The concrete had been delivered for the slab when Bill realized that the concrete was beginning to "set up" before they had smoothed it out. Bill knew that this was a big problem. Just then a man drove up whom Bill didn't know. This man was a professional concrete man and had a big "smoothing" machine in the back of his pickup truck. This man "just happened" to be driving by. The man unloaded the machine and started smoothing the concrete. The man then left the machine there for Bill to use.

It sure is exciting when needed people "just happen" along.

My Dad (Ralph Brunson) is helping to renovate a Hispanic mission near Rockingham. Several weeks ago he had to do some complicated wiring on the building. Dad was in a hardware store buying the supplies that he needed to do the job and talking to a salesman about the job. An electrician "just happened" to overhear him talking about the job. This electrician volunteered to help my Dad do this big wiring job.

Debbie Hall was a nurse on one of this year's medical/dental mission trips to Ukraine. During the mission trip one of the Ukrainian patients needed 72 tablets of a certain type of antibiotic. The team didn't have any of this antibiotic with them. Debbie knew that she had two weeks worth of this type of antibiotic in her personal luggage, but she also knew that two weeks worth would not be near enough. Debbie went back to her room, unpacked her medicine and counted them out. Debbie realized she "just happened" to have exactly 72 tablets with her.



It doesn't always happen this way, but it sure is exciting when needed people "just happen" along.

Richard Brunson

The Changing Seasons

MAURICE COOK, NCBM PRESIDENT

It was a beautiful Sunday afternoon in early October. The air was cool and crisp. The tall pines and hardwoods were framed against a clear blue sky. The red berries and multi-colored leaves on the dogwood trees reminded me that dogwoods are especially beautiful twice a year. The green leaves of the sweet gum tree were taking on a yellow hue. Several squirrels scampered along the tree limbs while another appeared to be burying a few acorns.

As I observed the evidence of the arrival of autumn around me, I began to think about its parallel within me. It appears to me that life has its changing seasons just as each calendar year has its seasonal cycle. I realize this analogy has its limits because many people live in geographic areas that do not exhibit the four seasons of the year as we are fortunate to experience here in North Carolina. Nevertheless, I believe that our journey through life is characterized by changes in energy, outlook, purpose, and in many other ways.

Spring and summer were my favorite seasons when I was a youngster and later a young man. To me these seasons reflected new life, growth, work, and productivity. All of these were my personal aspirations as well. Now that I am in the autumn of my life, my preference of the seasons has changed. Yes, spring is still beautiful and I like it, but it reminds me that summer is on its way and I cannot tolerate the heat of summer as in earlier years. Autumn has become my favorite season. As I observe the natural changes in climate and vegetation, I am also aware that gradual changes have taken place in my thinking and approach to life. It is a time of reflection: what has been and what might have been; successes and failures; happiness and disappointment. In the reflection, the most important thing that stands out again and again is God's marvelous grace through it all!

We have an important responsibility to be God's people in all seasons of life.

Autumn is also a time of preparation for winter, and I find I feel differently about winter now as compared to the past. In earlier days I disliked winter with its short days, cold winds, and bare trees. Now I realize that winter has a beauty of its own. As I get closer to the winter season of my life, I see the important role it plays in making the seasonal cycles complete. Furthermore, it is the pathway to new life at its best—eternally with the Father!

The rhythmic cycles of the seasons teach us another important lesson, namely, the continuity of life. Seasons come and go but life goes on! Shelley wrote, "If Winter comes, can Spring be far behind?" Jesus took a similar thought and expanded it to express a great spiritual truth: "...unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit." (John 12:24) All of us can think of countless examples of continued fruit-bearing by Christian parents and others who are no longer with us but whose influences are still evident. Indeed, to a large extent, we are who we are because of those who have gone before us and who now witness our changing seasons from heaven's portals.

The awareness of our possible continuing influence to succeeding generations should cause us to view our lives in the proper perspective. We have an important responsibility to be God's people in all seasons of life and to enhance the progressive continuity of His work on earth. A given season has an effect on the season that follows. But we are not indispensable. New faces and new leadership will come along and we should welcome that. Our aim should be that we are a strengthening link in that chain of continuity—not the missing link!

Changing seasons bring new and vital insights. They bring refreshment and strength to our souls. Whatever your season of life, take time to discover the new mysteries and wonders that each one offers. Allow God to instruct you in His wisdom and His ways. Be "A man for all seasons!"

MANDATE And N.C. Baptists' Owner's Manual

The *N.C. Baptists' Owner's Manual* is designed to inform, inspire and involve. The *Owner's Manual* gives practical ideas on how to have an effective missions program in your church. It is filled with stories about N.C. Baptist men and women who are involved in a variety of missions projects. The *Owner's Manual* also provides 12 easy-to-use, ready-to-go monthly Baptist Men's or co-ed missions programs. Each of these 12 programs is built around a special video segment included on the MANDATE missions video magazine.

MANDATE, produced by the Baptist State Convention, is a monthly video program. MANDATE is mailed quarterly, and includes three monthly programs on each tape. MANDATE includes stories on state missions as well as foreign and home missions.

The *N.C. Baptists' Owner's Manual* provides suggestions for a good Baptist Men's meeting, including information and discussion questions to precede and follow the showing of the video segment.

The cost to subscribe to MANDATE is $20 per year (this is for all four video tapes). One copy of the *Owner's Manual* is included with each subscription to MANDATE. Additional copies of the *Owner's Manual* can be purchased for $4 per manual. Subscription information is below. Order a copy for each of the men in your church.

Our goal is not to push programs; our goal is to involve men in missions. This video and *Owner's Manual* is a new and different method, but we believe that it will be an excellent way to inform, inspire and involve the men and women of your church in doing missions.

MANDATE MISSIONS VIDEO MAGAZINE ORDER CARD

I wish to subscribe to the 1995–1996 MANDATE missions video magazine (12 monthly programs mailed quarterly and one *Owner's Manual*) for only $20 per year.

❑ New subscription ❑ Renewal of subscribtion

❑ I have included a check for $20 for the MANDATE subscription.

❑ Please bill me.

Please send me _____ additional copies of the *OWNER'S MANUAL* at $4 per copy. *(Includes shipping charges)*

❑ I have included a check for $_____ ❑ Please bill me.

Make check payable to: Baptist State Convention. Send to Public Relations, Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, P.O. Box 1107, Cary, NC 27512–1107

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NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST MEN, PO BOX 1107, CARY, NC 27512–1107

Mission Statement

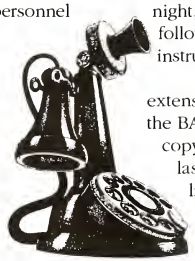
The goal of North Carolina Baptist Men is to help N.C. churches and associations involve their members (especially men and boys) in missions.

The objectives for accomplishing this goal are to:

- *enable and equip men and boys to be personally involved in mission activities*
- *encourage men and boys to identify and develop their personal ministries*
- *educate men and boys concerning mission opportunities*
- *teach men and boys the importance of praying for and giving to missions*
- *lead men and boys in developing in all areas and aspects of their lives to become mature, active and involved Christians.*

Automated Telephone System Installed At Baptist Building

Callers to the Baptist Building in Cary can now dial directly to individual departments and personnel as well as leave a recorded Voice Mail message in the event the individual is away from his or her desk. The system may be activated from any touch-tone telephone 24-hours a day, seven days a week.



Individuals calling from a rotary telephone simply stay on the line for operator assistance between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Callers on rotary phones after hours need to call again during regular office hours.

The two Baptist Building telephone numbers — (800) 395–5102 or (919) 467–5100 remain the same.

If you are calling from a touch-tone telephone and know the extension number of the person you are calling, you enter that number on your touch-tone phone anytime during the operator's recorded message. If you do not know the extension number, you press STAR (*) for directory assistance or press O for the Baptist Building operator.

If you call the Baptist Building before 8 a.m. and after 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, from a touch-tone telephone and know the extension number and wish to leave a message, you can dial the extension number anytime during the operator's recorded message and leave your message for the appropriate individual. You can also access directory assistance anytime, day or night, by pressing STAR (*) and following the recorded instructions.

A list of Baptist Building extension numbers are printed in the BAPTIST PHONE BOOK (a copy was mailed to each church last February). If you would like a free copy of the Baptist Building telephone book, please contact Public Relations, Baptist State Convention, PO Box 1107, Cary, NC 27512 or call (800) 395–5102 or (919) 467–5100, Ext. 142.

The N.C. Baptist Men staff and phone extensions follow:

- Richard Brunson, Executive Director — Ext. 323
- Jimmy Huffman, Associate for Youth — Ext. 342
- Mark Abernathy, Associate for Children — Ext. 335
- Lynn Tharrington, Administrative Assistant — Ext. 325
- Fatima Roma, Department Secretary — Ext. 324
- Lee Sadler, Financial Secretary — Ext. 341
- Mary Sue Smith, Part-time Secretary — Ext. 331

Volunteer Staff

- Sandy Smith, Prague Coordinator — Ext. 322
- Frank Starnes, Medical/Dental Bus Coordinator — Ext. 327

Hats, T-shirts Available/1994 Design At Reduced Cost

Camel-color 1995 T-shirts with the NCBM logo are available at a cost of $6 each plus $2 shipping per order. The white 1994 T-shirts with the NCBM logo have been reduced to $4 each plus $2 shipping per order. The sizes available for both are : Adult Medium, Adult Large, Adult X-Large, Adult XX-Large.

Royal Ambassador (grades 1–6) T-shirts and Challengers (grades 7–12) T-shirts are both available in the ashe color at a cost of $6 each plus $2 shipping per order. The sizes available are: Boys 14–16, Adult Small, Adult Medium, Adult Large, Adult X- Large. Royal Ambassador T-shirts in the 1994 design have been reduced to $4 each plus $2 shipping per order. "Be Strong on Mission" T-shirts are available in Medium only for $3 each plus $2 shipping per order.

NCBM hats with the embroidered "Serve in Christ's Spirit" logo are available in black, teal, forest green, and burgundy.

Please use the form on the back page to place your order.

Lonnie Reynolds And Family Return To Spain

Transitions and "good byes" are always bittersweet. On the one hand, there is the excitement that accompanies starting over, beginning anew, etc. But, on the other hand, there is the sadness that one feels when it comes time to say good bye to friends and family. I remember when we were leaving Spain to come to the Baptist State Convention, I shared with our church there that as a Christian, I had always tried to sink my roots deep in the Lord, but never too deep in terms of the place of my calling. The reason being, that it is a part of God's plan and His call in some of our lives to plant, water, cultivate, establish, and move on. I truly believe that God both gifts and equips some of us in such a way that we are at our best in terms of working out of our giftedness as we plant our lives in another culture. I am speaking not only of my gifts and my call but of Connie's also. The call to serve God in Spain has never gone away. Consequently, we felt that if the Foreign Mission Board would reappoint us, we would return there to continue the work that God has called us to do.

Those of you who know me well, know that I know and believe that every Christian is a missionary. I have often said on occasion that I was a missionary long before I went to Spain. In fact, responding to God's call to go to Spain initially was an outgrowth of my own pilgrimage and sort of the natural consequence of God's leadership in my own life. I am grateful for the opportunities that I have had to get to know many of you and to serve God alongside you. Please know that I will continue to pray for you as you use your gifts to make Christ known to a lost and hurting world.

Of course, Connie, Matthew, and I covet your prayers as we transition back to the field. You might specifically pray for Ryan, our married son who will not accompany us this time, and for our aging parents. Pray also for the city, Segorbe, where we will be starting a new work—that even now God would be preparing people's hearts to receive the gospel message. Pray for us that God might show us who these people are and help us discover creative ways to share God's love with the people of that city. There is no other evangelical work in the city to our knowledge so there will be no church to invite potential believers to attend. This is sometimes a problem in cultures where the church building is what comes to mind rather than the church being the people of God.

In Spanish we don't like to say good bye so we say, "hasta siempre!" May God bless you and the ministries of NCBM.

Lonnie Reynolds

Lonnie Reynolds has served as an associate in North Carolina Baptist Men for the past three years. Lonnie has done an excellent job for North Carolina Baptist Men and we will miss him. Please keep Lonnie, Connie and Matthew in your prayers.

Richard Brunson

BAPTIST MEN'S DAY

JANUARY 28, 1996

"LIVING GOD'S WORD"

Special Emphasis: PRAY FOR YOUR PASTOR

For more information check the appropriate item on the back page.

1996 N.C. Baptist Men's Convention To Be Held On Feb. 2–4

The 1996 N.C. Baptist Men's Convention will be held at First Church in High Point, N.C. on February 2–4.

An excellent convention has been planned for both men and women. Highlights of this convention will include music by Kyle and Susan Matthews, storytellers and concert artists from Nashville, Tenn. as well as gospel through drama and mime by Doug Berky of Greenville, S.C. The Friday evening message will be by Jimmy Allen, former president of the SBC. The Saturday morning message will be presented by Taylor Field, director of Graffiti Ministries, New York, N.Y. In addition, there will be Saturday morning and afternoon mission action conferences, and a Saturday evening message by Millard Fuller from Americus, Ga. who is founder and president of Habitat for Humanity. The Sunday morning prayer breakfast will be at First Church, High Point with Taylor Field as the speaker. Other highlights of the weekend include testimonies and the construction of a Habitat for Humanity house during the weekend in High Point. (See article on page 8.)

Hotel Reservations:

Two hotels in High Point have agreed to give a special convention rate for the N.C. Baptist Men's Convention. You will need to make your own hotel reservation directly with the hotel. Be sure to ask for the special Baptist State Convention rate. Other hotels are available in the High Point area, and you should feel free to choose any you like.

- Holiday Inn, 236 S. Main Street, High Point; Special rate of $52 plus tax for double/single. Call (800) 465 – 4329 to make reservations.
- Radisson Hotel, 135 S. Main Street, High Point; Special rate of $62 plus tax for double/single. Call (800) 333–3333 by January 19.

Cost:

No registration fee will be charged. An offering will be received Friday and Saturday nights to help offset the program expense.
$5/per person Saturday Lunch at First Church, High Point
$5/per person Saturday Supper at First Church, High Point
$4/per person Sunday Prayer Breakfast at First Church, High Point

Kyle and Susan Matthews, Nashville, Tenn.

Doug Berky, Greenville, S.C.

Jimmy Allen
Atlanta, Ga.

Taylor Field,
New York, New York

Millard Fuller
Americus, Ga.

N.C. Baptist Men's Convention Reservation Form

Complete and return by January 20. Please make check payable to NCBM and mail to PO Box 1107, Cary, NC 27512–1107.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

#_____ $5/per person — Saturday Lunch, First Church, High Point = Total $_____

#_____ $5/per person — Saturday Supper, First Church, High Point = Total $_____

#_____ $4/per person — Sunday Prayer Breakfast, First Church, High Point = Total $_____

Grand Total $_____

Build Two Habitat For Humanity Houses In Conjunction With Baptist Men's Convention, Jan. 31–Feb. 3, 1996

Excellent speakers will be with us during our annual Baptist Men's Convention at First Church, High Point, including Millard Fuller, founder and president of Habitat for Humanity International. Since many North Carolina churches are involved with Habitat projects in your own community, we want to give you an opportunity to be directly involved in a Habitat for Humanity project in High Point. Elmer Farlow, a local Baptist contractor, and Mike Lutton-Taylor, the construction coordinator for Habitat for Humanity in High Point, have agreed to coordinate and supervise the project. As you know, to build two Habitat houses, we need volunteers for money and materials. We will complete the exterior, including wiring and plumbing, for two houses beginning Wednesday, Januarty 31, through Saturday, February 3.

We need help in three areas to make this a success:

- Volunteer Crews
- Volunteer Contractors (mechanical, plumbing, and electrical)
- Donors, approximately $35,000, cash and/or supplies

We anticipate that Baptist Men's units, churches, and individuals will respond to this call. We need to have the money in hand by January 15, 1996, along with commitment for volunteers.

How Can You Help?

1. Pray for the project and the prospective owners of the house.
2. Give maximum publicity to this project in your church, association, and community.
3. Large churches commit to raising $1,000 towards this project in High Point and small (under 500) churches commit to raising $500. Any excess funds will be applied towards next year's project.
4. Enlist volunteer crews and contractors to do the work.
5. Plan to be at the Baptist Men's Convention, February 2–4, 1995 in First Church, High Point.
6. Respond early, December 1, 1995, if possible, so we can plan and schedule the work.

Habitat Reponse Form/NCBM Convention/February 2–4, 1996/First Church, High Point

Name_____

Address_____

City/State/Zip_____

Phone (Work)_____ (Home)_____

Please check appropriate box:

❑ We will pray for the project

❑ We will raise $1,000 for the project (or more $_____)

❑ We will raise $500 for the project

❑ We/I will raise $_____

❑ We/I will have a volunteer team of #_____; our specialty is _____.
We/I can work on ❑ Wed. ❑ Thurs. ❑ Fri. ❑ Sat.

❑ I am a contractor, and I will be responsible for:
❑ Electrical; ❑ Plumbing; ❑ Heating/Air

❑ I am a building material supplier and will contribute: (indicate type materials, roofing, framing, vinyl, etc.)
_____
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Begin The New Year Right! — Exciting Alternative

While many North Carolinians fall asleep on New Year's Eve waiting for an apple to drop on New York City, hundreds of the state's Baptists will gather at the N.C. Baptist Assembly (Caswell) to usher in 1996. An exciting alternative to New Year's Eve will allow participants to give thanks for the blessings of the old year and to begin the new year with celebration and prayer.

The celebration will begin Saturday, December 30, with an afternoon of gospel singing. Two groups from southeastern North Carolina, The Missionaries, and the Altermen & Julie, will sing gospel favorites. On Saturday evening, Terry Farmer, pastor of First Church, Mebane, will share humorous stories about growing up in Senatobia, Miss., and in eastern North Carolina. Sunday will bring morning worship for everyone and afternoon recreation for youth. That evening, Farmer will speak again, issuing the challenge to participants to begin the new year with a new life and dedication to Christ's call. The final hours of 1995 will include communion and a time for couples to renew their wedding vows.

Outstanding music will be provided by Mary Mincey, a featured singer at Dixie Jubilee, Myrtle Beach, S.C. and Kristi Johnson, a featured singer at The Carolina Opry, Myrtle Beach, S.C. They will blend their professional experience in country music with their commitment to Christ.

For teens only! Church youth groups or teens who come with their parents will enjoy their own program for this holiday event. Mike and Ginny Penry, Kernersville, and Robby Mustoe, Lumberton will treat teens to their own program.

Guest packages: #1 (for overnight guests) 2 nights lodging with linens, 5 meals and program = $69.50 per person, double occupancy. #2 (for commuters) program and seafood dinner on New Year's Eve = $15. Add $5 for Saturday program. #3 program New Year's Eve, no meals = $6. Add $5 for Saturday program. Youth group accommodations are available. Please call for information. Contact the N.C. Baptist Assembly at (910) 278–9501.

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL

Legacy Builders Rally

"Men Building a Christian Legacy Through the Local Church"

March 8, 6:30 p.m.–9:30 p.m. — March 9, 8:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
Rehoboth Baptist Church, 2997 Lawrenceville Highway, Tucker, Georgia
(Exit 29 East off I-285 East in Metro Atlanta)

GUEST SPEAKERS

Glenn Wagner
Promise Keepers Vice President

Crawford Loritts
National Director, Campus Crusade for Christ, Legacy...Helping Rebuild Black America's Spiritual Heritage

Gary Rosberg
President, Cross Trainers
Speaker, Counselor, Author, *Guard Your Heart*

Richard Lee
Senior Pastor, Rehoboth Baptist Church

James D. Williams
President, Brotherhood Commission, SBC

Jim Burton
Men's Ministries Director, Brotherhood Commission, SBC

CONFERENCES INCLUDE

- Beginning Men's Ministries in Your Church
- Promise Keepers — From the Stadium Event to the Local Church
- How to Start Encouragement Teams
- Families Making a Difference
- Pastors Need Friends, Too
- African-American Laymen and Church Growth For Pastors Only
- Planning a Legacy Builders Retreat
- Being the World's Best Dad
- Sports Evangelism

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration for the two-day conference is $35 a person. For groups of five or more men from the same chruch, registration is $30 a person. Advance mail-in registrations must be postmarked by February 26, 1996. No refunds will be made after March 6, 1996. Registration includes lunch on Saturday.

Registration after February 26 is walk-up only. Walk-up regisration is $40 a person. No group discounts are available after February 26, 1996.

For more information check the appropriate item on the back page.

(Besides the plenary sessions, each participant will be able to attend three conferences. Conference titles are subject to change.)

CORRECTIONAL MINISTRIES

Make Angel Tree A Year-Round Ministry

Baptist church members from all across the state opened their hearts and their pocketbooks this past year and sent 99 boys to Camp Angel Tree, a special camp for boys who have a parent in prison. Once at camp, these boys spent a week with a positive male role model in the person of their camp counselor, who acted as mother, father, big brother, and friend 24 hours a day. These counselors patiently showed each boy that Christ is real and alive in their hearts. Thirty-one of these boys accepted Christ on the last night at the commitment service time. Many volunteers from various Baptist churches helped by providing transportation for these boys to and from the camp. What a wonderful starting place for an ongoing ministry! One week at camp can make a difference in a boys life, but it is only a start. After camp ends, they face the same tough circumstances upon returning home. These young boys need the nurture of a church family who cares. They need help in growing as young Christians. How can your church become involved in year-round ministry to these children and their families? Here are some ideas:

1. Invite families to church services and special events, such as church picnics or outings. Pay expenses as appropriate. Provide transportation.
2. Provide food baskets for the family — monthly or on holidays.
3. Send birthday and holiday cards.
4. Invite and provide transportation for children to be part of your RA or GA group.
5. Volunteer to be a big brother or big sister, taking a boy or girl to the zoo, shopping, a ballgame, or other special event. Try to spend some time with them each week on a regular basis.
6. Provide tutoring for children.
7. Help children write letters to their parent in prison.

ANGEL TREE®
A Ministry of Prison Fellowship

Through Project Angel Tree, your church can deliver Christ's love to a prisoner's children by providing needed gifts at Christmas. Here's how the project works: Church volunteers set up a Christmas tree on which paper angels are placed with gift requests. Church members then choose angels and purchase the gifts. Gifts are then delivered or distributed at church-sponsored parties at which the gospel is shared. Angel Tree information and promotional videos are available in our office. For more information on these projects, check the appropriate item on the back page or call the N.C. Baptist Men's office at (800) 395–5102, Ext. 325.

Johnny Henderson
Correctional Ministries Coordinator
P.O. Box 499
Seagrove, NC 27041
(910) 873-7995

DISASTER RELIEF

N.C.'s Baptist Disaster Relief Equipment Is Ready To Roll

Below is a list of the disaster relief equipment ready to respond to disaster needs:

Unit 1 — stationed in Salisbury

Chevrolet Dually Pick-up, 60-foot fifth-wheel trailer, equipped to feed up to 18,000 meals per day.

Unit 2 — stationed in Wilson

24-foot pull-behind trailer, equipped to feed up to 10,000 meals per day.

Unit 3 — stationed in Sylva

24-foot pull-behind trailer, equipped to feed up to 10,000 meals per day.

Unit 4 — stationed in Salisbury

Ford F250 equipped with 20-foot dry good box used for storage and support.

Unit 5 — stationed in Salisbury

25K-Watt Generator-supported flat-bed trailer.

Unit 6 — stationed in Salisbury

Water Purification Unit equipped to provide 600 gallons of drinkable water per hour.

N.C. Disaster Relief Ministry provides both physical and spiritual relief.

1996 Overseas Mission Trips Announced

Ukraine Trips

This is in conjunction with the Baptist State Convention's partnership project with the Evangelical Baptist Union of Ukraine. Four successful trips took place in the summer of 1995. Eight are being planned for 1996. The dates and team composition are as follows:

1. April 13–27: Language Institute of Kiev to work with giving health care and dental care to adults in the Language Institute. Internists, Family Practitioners, Dentists, PA's, NP's and Nurses.
2. April 27–May 11: Laparascopic Surgery team to work in the Central Medical Institute of Kiev. Surgeons and nurses.
3. May 18–June 1: Primary-care team to work in a village outside of Kiev. Internists, Family Practitioners, Pediatricians, Dentists, dental assistants, PAs, NPs and Nurses.
4. June 29–July 13: Work in a children's summer camp outside of Kiev. Pediatricians, Family Practitioners, Dentists, PAs, NPs and Nurses.
5. July 13–July 27: Dental team to work in the Central Dental Institute. Dentists and assistants and one family practitioner or internist.
6. July 27–August 10: same as #4
7. August 24–September 7: same as #3
8. November 2–16: same as #3

Each of the above teams can have up to eight people total. Should an ophthalmologist or optometrist desire to go on any of the above trips, we would work towards that as the need is so great. Other medical and surgical specialties can be worked in. We just need advance notice.

Northern India Trip

This team goes up nearly 15,000 feet into the mountains of the Himalayas. It requires a level of physical fitness. The team goes into areas only accessible two to three months out of the year due to snow problems. The trip is coordinated by North Carolina Baptist Men and the World A Mission center at Gardner-Webb in an effort to reach people unreached by the gospel. The trip lasts three weeks and 10 to 15 people may go. Internists, family practitioners, pediatricians, dentists and assistants, PAs, NPs and nurses. Next year, 1996, will be the fourth year for the trip. This team goes for three weeks in late July and early August.

Hui People Trip

The Hui people are one of the largest unreached people groups of the world and live in Northwestern China. The Cooperative Services International (CSI) is looking to send a career missionary couple in 1996 (surgeon and pediatrician) to this people and will be sending exploratory immunization teams and medical/dental teams in 1996. The N.C. Baptist Men/N.C. Baptist Medical Dental Fellowship desire to send a team of four to eight people for two to three weeks sometime between April and October of 1996. The team would consist of an internist, pediatrician, family practitioner, dentist, nurse, surgeon, and NPs/PAs and/or a combination of the above. Much information is needed to see

N.C. dental team serving Christ in Ukraine.

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Ye Shall Be My Witnesses

"Ye shall be my witnesses." What a privilege it is that God has given us to be a witness for Him.

In this day and time when we are exposed to so many trials and events where witnesses for and against are in question, their credibility becomes a big issue. Friend, as you witness for Jesus, I pray your credibility will never be the question.

You see, it is not a question of the guilt of the person we witness to because we are all guilty of sin. There is overwhelming evidence to corroborate, as we go from day to day, that guilty is the verdict. We are all under condemnation. We have all transgressed God's laws. The death penalty is passed on to every violator with no exception. Good behavior is not enough and appealing the case will not happen. Sounds awful and final, doesn't it?

I have good news, too! God has a plan to relieve you of your situation. There is a way to escape the penalty for your sin. You must repent and turn to Jesus. Ask for forgiveness and surrender to Him. Give your life to Jesus. You will be forgiven.

You see, Jesus has already died on a cross for you. The debt of sin that you owe was placed on Jesus; therefore, you must accept Jesus and believe in Him in order to be forgiven for your sin. There is no other way; Jesus said, "I am the way."

As you read this, maybe you have already accepted Jesus into your life, or maybe you are not sure and you are thinking about doing this. When you are sure that you have accepted Jesus, then you are a witness as to what has happened, and I trust that your witness will be true. Moreover, I pray that there will be no way that your actions would conflict with your verbal witness. We have seen in recent days this happen in our courts, and it defeats our witness. God, who is our Judge, is just and He watches over you.

The witness for Jesus is all that the world has to point out the way of escape. We must stand ready to share with all those who are traveling the road of sin. "Broad is the way that leads to destruction." Your witness will determine where someone spends eternity. The difference is often just a few words, a helping hand, or a gesture of friendship. The words we speak for Jesus will be the difference. Not only in the lives of others but in our lives as well.

This is what the Baptist Lay Witnessing Foundation (BWLF) is all about. We must continue to tell the story of Jesus. If you would like to know more about BLWF or want to join with us in our efforts to witness, write to: NCBM/BLWF, PO Box 1107, Cary, NC 27512 or check the appropriate item on the back page.

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Medical/Dental Missions Continued

how medical skills can be used to reach the Hui people with the gospel of Christ.

Should you have interest in any of the above trips, contact Richard Brunson, director of N.C. Baptist Men, (800) 395–5102 (Ext. 323), or check the appropriate item on the back page to request additional information.

Please note also that each of the above teams will have a team leader to assist in coordinating the team. So, if you have interest as a team leader, please let that be known.

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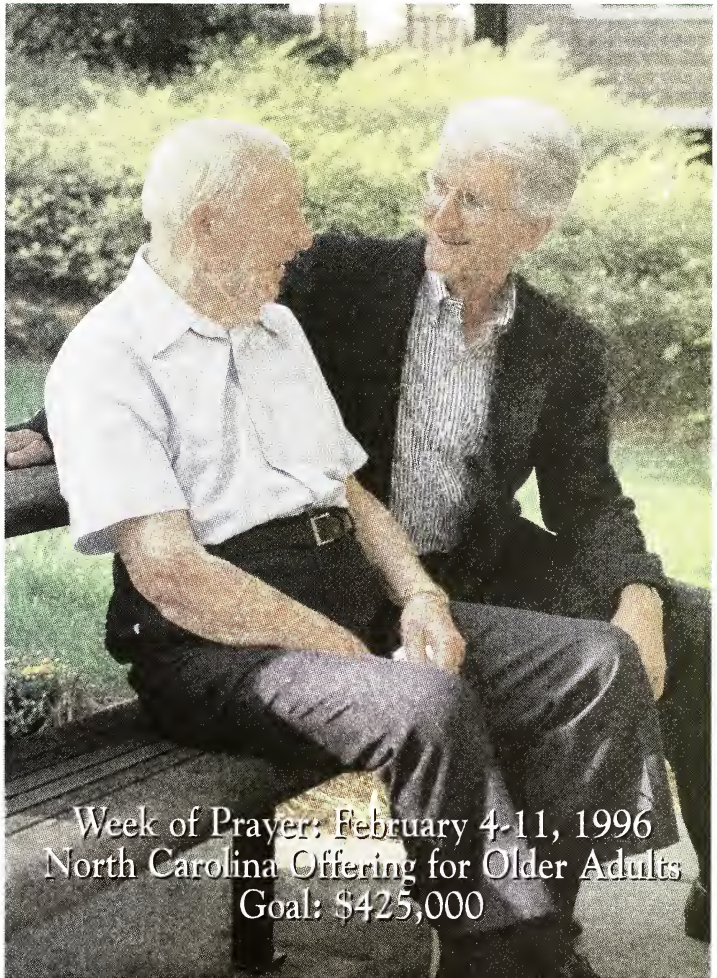
N.C. Medical Team serving Christ in India.

BAPTIST RETIREMENT HOMES

Making Life For Older Adults The Best Of Times



Red and Winnie Lewis enjoy an active schedule at the Brookridge Retirement Community, a nurturing environment designed to make life The Best of Times for Older Adults.

Cover photograph:

James Ward, chair of the board of trustees at Baptist Retirement Homes of North Carolina, Inc., visits with Brookridge resident Red Lewis.

PREPARING FOR RETIREMENT

We may do it grudgingly or cheerfully, with complaint or with acceptance, but we all do it nonetheless — we age. And along with aging, most of us retire from the daily work and routine of our younger days. This year our Week of Prayer articles are directed toward preparing for a successful transition into retirement, from providing the necessary spiritual and financial groundwork, to the physical, psychological, emotional and family preparedness that contributes to a satisfying next chapter of life.

In his insightful book, *Aging Without Apology*, retired Baptist minister Robert T. Seymour writes about the sometimes challenging, oftentimes joyful discoveries of a new life in retirement. "I am an adult in the over-65 category, and I feel like a pioneer exploring uncharted territory. Although I have arrived at a stage in my life that may legitimately be labeled "old," I do not feel as I had anticipated people of my age group should feel. It is a time of considerable activity, vital interest in the world around me, and of anticipating challenges yet to be undertaken."

For many Older Adults, Baptist Retirement Homes of North Carolina, Inc. provides the scene upon which the next chapter of life unfolds, a safe and supportive environment where they may continue growing and living life to its fullest potential. With four homes throughout the state, it is our goal to help make the retirement years "The Best of Times" for Older Adults. To achieve that goal, however, we need your ongoing financial help. The truth is, many people will not be able to support themselves fully in their retirement — even those who have planned and saved. Thanks to your support, however, Baptist Retirement Homes is able to assist many of those in our communities who might otherwise not receive the retirement care they need. Your gifts provide, in effect, a safety net for many of our Older Adults, offering them the security of a comfortable retirement. Your gifts also help us continually improve our services and enhance our programs.

We've set our goal this year at $425,000, with the hope that your generous support will help make the retirement years "The Best of Times" for the many Older Adults directly affected by this ministry. We hope that the articles in this Week of Prayer insert will be of service to you as you consider your own retirement years and the needs of others.

LAYING THE GROUNDWORK FOR A SECURE FUTURE

An Interview With Reverend Mack Goss

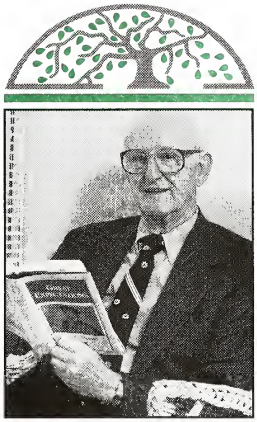
"When I was quite young, an old gentleman gave me an excellent piece of advice," says the Reverend McPherson (Mack) Goss. "He said, 'You need to give the Lord 10% and keep 10% for your retirement.'"

From his garden home at Brookridge, which he shares with his wife Frances, Reverend Goss dispensed some excellent advice of his own about preparing for a comfortable retirement. "Before you can save you have to prepare yourself to earn, with a good education and a good job," he advises. The son of a self-educated country preacher, Goss put himself through Mercer College and divinity school at the Andover Newton Theological College, then post-graduate studies at Columbia University and the University of Chicago. His studies prepared him for a career which included 18 years as pastor of First Baptist Church in Hendersonville and interim pastorates at 21 churches in North Carolina.

"I'm not one of the great sages prophesying, but my wife and I were always committed to living within our income, even when it was very small. Katherine, my late wife, taught school. We had a heavy financial burden in taking care of our daughter, who was injured at birth and required constant care. There were times when the cost of her care exceeded my salary," remembers Reverend Goss. "It wasn't easy to save, but we just set our minds to it. I looked at saving as an obligation just as binding as a water or heat bill. We surely didn't have a lot, but we invested our money well. When Katherine needed nursing care for Alzheimer's Disease, the cost was high but we managed, even then, on what we had.

"When you're married, it's important to share the objective to save, and to plan together for it," advises Reverend Goss. "You need that agreement. I was fortunate to have that with Katherine, and it made a big difference in our retirement. Frances had the same savings agreement with her late husband. That planning allows for a comfortable life once you're no longer working."

With the busy, hectic days of active ministry now long behind him, Reverend Goss enjoys his retirement. His days begin with a long walk with Frances through the wooded campus of Brookridge. He has time to savor the Charles Dickens' classic, *Great Expectations*. "I'm not enslaved to a schedule like I used to be. Planning has made this kind of freedom possible."



Reverend Mack Goss takes the time to read ***Great Expectations*** *at his garden home at Brookridge. "I'm not enslaved to a schedule like I used to be," he says of his retirement.*

Thomas and Martha DuVal invest time in talking and planning for their retirement years. Experts advise that planning should begin at least ten years before an individual actually retires.

GETTING A HEAD START ON RETIREMENT

An Interview With Dr. Stephen Rapp

Some people breeze into retirement with gusto. Others have difficulty adjusting to the new routine. What makes the difference and how can you plan ahead to get the most enjoyment out of your retirement?

Your attitude and your willingness to plan for a new lifestyle play a large role in retirement satisfaction, according to Dr. Stephen Rapp, professor of psychology at Bowman Gray Medical School. The way you view change affects your emotional adjustment and behavior in retirement, says Dr. Rapp. While some people tend to dwell on the disadvantages retirement may bring, such as reduced income and loss of job status, the key to enhanced satisfaction is to view retirement and the changes it brings as an opportunity — and to take advantage of it.

Retirement gives you the chance to redesign your lifestyle — to try new things, to learn and to take the time to simply enjoy life. While developing leisure skills is challenging for some people, it is simply a matter of exercising the discipline to develop new habits. For goal-oriented people, taking advantage of free time to accomplish new achievements is a key ingredient to overall satisfaction.

Your well-being in retirement is a priority that deserves your focused attention. Planning for your active retirement years should begin long before you actually retire, ideally, at least ten years earlier. Just as you would plan for a journey, spend time to plan and "get in shape" to enhance your retirement experience.

- Make a list of the advantages retirement will bring. Think positively about change!
- Take inventory of what you would like to do with your time and energy. When you think about activities that interest you, consider both physical and intellectual pursuits that you can continue to do as you grow older.
- Set specific goals that will help you accommodate the interests you've listed.
- Develop a plan that is measurable and observable, with a realistic time-line and intermediate goals.

With forethought, discipline and planning, your retirement years can be rewarding as well as relaxing. For most people, retirement is a satisfying time of life. In fact, well over 80% of retirees surveyed report that "life is good." Aim to make your retirement "The Best of Times!"

EMBRACING THE FUTURE

An Interview With Dr. Robert Seymour

When it comes to retirement lifestyles, there are more choices for older adults today than ever before. But how do you choose what's right for you? And how can you embrace the physical health and healthy attitude that let you live life to the fullest? It's important to anticipate retirement long before it actually occurs, and to realize that what's right for one retiree may not be the best choice for another, says Dr. Robert E. Seymour, a retired Baptist pastor from Chapel Hill, and the author of *Aging Without Apology*.

With choices that range from remaining at home, to moving in with an adult child, to pulling up roots and moving to a retirement community in another region, the possibilities merit a thorough "soul search" to determine what is best for you, advises Dr. Seymour. In addition to financial concerns, consider:

- *Continuity*. How much continuity do you require in your life? Some people embark on a new life adventure upon retirement; others treasure the continuity of established relationships and community ties.
- *Social Needs*. How will you meet your social needs in retirement? Options include the companionship found in retirement communities and seniors' centers, group home living with other older adults, and continued community and church involvement.
- *Family Relationships*. Is proximity to family a goal? If you're relocating to be near your children, how likely is the possibility of a job transfer?
- *Health Care*. If you plan to remain at home, what community-based services are available to you at home should you need them?

Lifestyle changes can be surprisingly pleasant, says Dr. Seymour. There can be joy in "downsizing," for example, finding just the right recipient for things you no longer need. Using your new-found time to add exercise to your daily schedule can be another source of pleasure — not to mention a boon to your health.

"The best thing a retiree can do is to stay involved in the world," says Dr. Seymour. "It's important to follow the guidelines for a healthful life, but you don't have to be in perfect health to be productive or happy. Good health is a byproduct of life — you need to act beyond yourself and to nurture relationships. The important thing is to see retirement as a time to live, to build relationships and interests and to contribute to life."

"The best thing a retiree can do is to stay involved in the world," says Dr. Richard Seymour. Here, a group of Older Adults share a game of bowling and companionship.

Mrs. Amy Williams (center) is pictured here with her daughter and son-in-law, Elizabeth and Gabe Austell. It is important to involve family members in retirement decisions, says Chaplain Maurice Briggs.

RETIREMENT IS A FAMILY AFFAIR

By Maurice Briggs, Chaplain, North Carolina Baptist Hospitals, Inc.

Let your preparation for retirement begin with a prayerful search for clarity about your goals for a satisfying life. From the deeper places within us come our highest hopes for the future. In prayerful reflection, get in touch with the concerns and ideas that have been growing within you and let them distill into a few essential objectives for you and your family.

It is important to develop a practice of talking openly with family members about your dreams and your fears regarding the future. While many of us think we are protecting our families from stress by avoiding certain conversations, it is in keeping with the Gospel to entrust our more important issues to someone in the family. It helps us and it helps them in preparing for the future.

Reaching decisions about retirement is central. Often, we "think but do not talk," or we "think and talk but do not act." The greatest honor you can pay your most noble hopes is to do something about them. I witnessed this when my mother, at 80 years of age and in good health, convinced Dad to move 250 miles to be in the community where I live. Both of my parents grew to appreciate the benefits of having put this deeply felt need into constructive action.

Often, our fear of causing hard feelings is one of the biggest hurdles to cross in preparing our families for retirement decisions. It is important, however, to increase our ability to be accountable to the family about what we think, feel and do. Because decisions are hard to make doesn't mean they are incorrect or harmful. For example, when Mrs. C. confided in her pastor that she was worried about her children fighting over her estate, it also became clear that she was hesitant to talk with her husband about it, since he seemed to prefer handling business affairs himself. The pastor, knowing from conversation with her husband that he tried hard to protect his wife from worries about these matters, suggested that she talk more openly with her husband. Fortunately in that case, both were relieved to get these matters on the table.

Make a practice of prayerfully and lovingly asking for "feedback" from your family, seeking responses to your dreams and plans. Preparing family for retirement means involving them in deliberation, in decisions and in dealing with outcomes in a courageous and considerate manner.

THE SPIRITUAL JOURNEY OF RETIREMENT

By Reverend Calvin Knight

When we think about preparing for retirement and senior adulthood, we generally assume that the earlier we begin, the more thorough and helpful it will be. If this is true of every aspect of preparation, it is especially true of the emotional and spiritual aspect. We need to be aware early in life that if we live we will eventually reach retirement and old age. We should therefore seek to live all of our days so that the Older Adult years will be the climax, the ultimate life experience — "The Best of Times."

It is to be hoped that early in life one begins to lay a foundation for emotional and spiritual maturity. A person reared in a family that prays, reads the Bible, discusses Christian faith and encourages active participation in the life of the church is likely early in life to make a faith commitment and to begin the Christian pilgrimage. This individual will likely experience the nurturing of that faith by personal discipline, by family encouragement and through church involvement so that he or she moves steadily towards spiritual maturity. If so, when that individual reaches the senior years, the faith that has sustained and guided through all of the successive stages of life will be a source of strength and comfort still.

Yet if one has not started the faith journey early, there is no reason to despair. For many, the Christian experience does not begin until their adult years...even their senior adult years. When this is the case, one should not spend the remainder of life looking back with regret but should rather look forward with hope. There are still many wonderful opportunities open to Older Adults for worship, study and growth, Christian fellowship and service. Those who have become Christians late in life often seem to have greater appreciation, deeper dedication and more enthusiasm, and these qualities help to compensate for the lost years.

Whether one begins the Christian journey early or late, personal faith can make a significant difference in the way we face our senior adult years, providing us comfort, strength and hope. The more we nurture that faith, the stronger and more helpful it will be to us in our later years.

Retired pastor Walter Long (seated) talks with Brookridge Chaplain Luther Osment. At Baptist Retirement Homes communities, spiritual needs are nourished and nurtured in a loving Christian environment.

Brookridge resident Christine Davenport (left) enjoys a sunny moment with Leanne Gay, director of social work at the Brookridge Retirement Community in Winston-Salem.

Your Gift At Work... Making Life For Older Adults THE BEST OF TIMES

When you make a gift to the North Carolina Offering for Older Adults, you help provide care and comfort for many who otherwise might live in need. The fact is, many of our Older Baptist Adults depend upon your generosity to provide the basic necessities for life in retirement. Your gifts help to bridge the gap between the cost of quality care and the amount which some can pay.

Thanks to your support, Baptist Retirement Homes of North Carolina Inc. offers a continually expanding range of services to Older Adults and their families, from in-home care to assisted living and nursing care to respite care for family caregivers. With four residential communities throughout the state, and numerous community-based programs, Baptist Retirement Homes offers Older Adults the choices for retirement lifestyles and the services they need, including...

- Independent Living
- Assisted Independent Living
- Assisted Living
- Nursing Care
- Respite Care
- Subacute Care
- Special Programs for Older Adults suffering from dementia-related diseases such as Alzheimer's Disease
- Home and Community Based Nursing and Therapy Services

Your gifts contribute directly toward a higher quality of life for the Older Adults served by Baptist Retirement Homes. On behalf of the many people whom your generosity benefits, we sincerely thank you.

If you would like more information about any of our programs and services, please call or write:

Baptist Retirement Homes of North Carolina, Inc.
P.O. Box 11024
Winston-Salem, NC 27116-1024
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Record Year For Overseas Missions Involvement

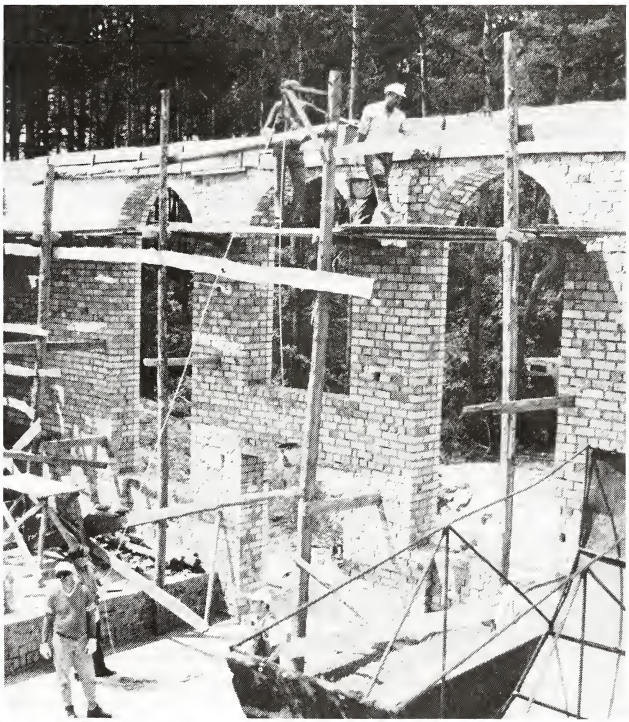
1995 was an extremely busy year for overseas mission trips. N.C. Baptist Men sponsored trips to: Ukraine, Zaire, India, St. Vincent, Trinidad/Tobago, Haiti, Puerto Rico, Albania, Switzerland, and Prague, Czech Republic. More than 600 volunteers traveled to Prague this past year to help with the renovation of International Baptist Theological Seminary.

N.C. volunteers in Prague, Czech Republic

Ukraine

The Ukranian Baptist Theological Seminary held its dedication service on October 7, 1995. North Carolina was represented by a delegation who attended this special occasion. The Baptist Music College also recently opened.

There has been a tremendous work effort with much progress made through the Ukraine Partnership to date. However, there is a need for volunteers in 1996. If you can go or are interested in going, please respond as soon as possible. The people of Ukraine have become more enthusiastic as they see volunteers participating in the work projects.



There are many stories and testimonies that can be shared as to how people are being reached with the gospel and are accepting Christ as their Savior in Ukraine. Choose a 1996 date below and become involved in receiving a blessing through this opportunity:

April 20–May 4; May 4–18; May 11–25; May 25–June 8; June 1–15; June 8–22; June 15–29; June 22–July 6; July 6–20; July 20–August 3; August 3–17; August 10–24; August 17–31; August 31–September 14; September 7–21; September 14–28; September 21–October 5; September 28–October 12; October 5–19; October 12–26; October 19–November 2; October 26–November 9; November 9–23. For more information, check the appropriate item on the back page.

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N.C. Baptist Men coordinate the construction of churches in Ukraine.

Current Working Projects Need Volunteers

Hispanic Mission, Pittsboro

This will be a frame/brick 4708 sq. ft. frame/brick veneer building. Now it is in need of brick, sheetrock, and interior paint crews. Contact Bill Poindexter, on-site and Region 4 coordinator, (919) 542–3819.

Sims Church, Sims (near Wilson)

This is a 2900 sq. ft. wood frame/brick veneer first unit mission church in a rural community. It is now in need of sheetrock, paint, and interior trim crews. Contact Pete Stone, (919) 235–3634 for scheduling.

Main Street Church, China Grove

Rowan Association constructed this building in April '93 with 27 members. Now there are about 100 in attendance. It's an 11,000 sq. ft. multi-purpose building of light metal and brick and needs volunteers to complete the inside shell. Work schedule: Nov. 27–Dec. 9 insulate and sheetrock; Dec. 11–23 trim; Dec. 26–Jan. 6 paint; Jan. 8–27 finish HVAC, wiring and floors; Feb. 5–17 install fixtures; Feb. 19–Mar. 2 clean-up and move in. Contact Larry Beaver, home: (704) 857–0871; church: (704) 855–3274, for scheduling.

N.C. Baptist Assembly (Caswell)

Old Horse Barn — Volunteers with carpentry skills are needed to help complete renovation for the new PX. Jobs include hanging sheetrock and installing slatwall and wainscoting.

Cafeteria — Volunteers with carpentry skills are needed to complete the addition to the kitchen, including constructing a floor system, walls and a roof system. Help also will be needed after the Exciting Alternation New Year's Celebration to move kitchen equipment to the new addition and to tear out the tile floor in the main kitchen area.

Oceania — After Labor Day, volunteers with demolition and rough carpentry skills will be needed to begin renovation of half of the motel. Re-roofing of half the structure is scheduled for September and October. As time permits, the interior of the rooms will be gutted and renovated. The deadline for the completion of this first phase of the project is spring, 1996.

Siding Replacement — Volunteers with carpentry skills are needed in the ongoing work of replacing siding for various buildings. The first building scheduled for this work is Fort Caswell.

Grounds — Volunteers interested in landscaping are needed in the continued ornamental landscaping around renovated buildings and other grounds maintenance activities.

Forts — Volunteers are needed to help install safety handrails at potentially dangerous fall areas on top of the forts.

Contact: David Lloyd, Associate Director, N.C. Baptist Assembly, (910) 278-9501.

"I CARE" South Miami

Volunteers are still needed for homes without water, electricity, and damaged as a result of Hurricane Andrew in south Miami, Florida. Some projects are rehab for homes and involve light construction. "I CARE" has a nice volunteer complex for volunteers, providing food and lodging for $35 per person for a week. They also provide all building materials. There are numerous opportunities for personal witnessing while working.

If you're interested, call "I CARE," (800) 637–5790.

Rebuilding continues in Miami.

Camp Mundo Vista, Asheboro

Schedule includes continued winterizing of summer cottages sponsored by N.C. WMU and N.C. Baptist Men. Mark your calendar for the week of December 26–30 when we will work as a "mass" project, with food and housing provided. Expect lots of good Christian fellowship and work. If you are looking for a project other than that week, contact Bob Navy (910) 629–4213 for scheduling a time for your group. Project needs: 75 volunteers.

Grover Fletcher coordinates construction on East 7th Baptist Ministry in New York.

New York Partnership

For a current list of numerous construction needs or other volunteer opportunities, call Linda Hicks at the Baptist Building, (800) 395–5102, Ext. 171, or your associational office for a "pairing." There are still many, many needs!

Graffiti — Manhattan, New York

A large Jewish Synagogue purchased by Graffiti Church is now being demolished. Brick masons will be needed in April and this will be a long-term project. Please call (800) 395–5102, Ext. 323 for details.

THANK YOU'S FOR COMPLETED PROJECTS

New Beginning Church, King — 5,200 sq. ft. first unit wood frame with brick veneer multi-purpose building. Framing began the first week in August with the dedication held November 19th. Pastor Dave Turner said volunteers from 31 different churches worked alongside his own members to complete the projects. A big help came from a brick crew in Hickory. Thank you to all who worked to help make this a successful project.

"Hope Builders" Expanding to Union, Cabarrus Associations

This summer, several lives were touched in Cleveland County as a result of North Carolina Baptists caring enough to reach out to those in need. The first ever "Hope Builders" project brought together skilled Baptist men and women in an effort to help low-income homeowners with much needed repairs. Often, these homeowners are the elderly poor, living on a fixed income. Paying bills is a challenge for these people. Fixing repairs is a luxury they often can't afford. Unfortunately, many times these folks fall through the cracks. Social service workers lament that, in many cases, no kind of aid is available for these homeowners. Charles Reed, Church and Community Ministries Director for Kings Mountain Association, shares concerning one homeowner who was helped. "She was so thrilled because she said for the first time in a long time, she felt safe in her home and so blessed by God. By the time she pays low rent, utilities, food, medicine, auto insurance and upkeep, her income is gone and she could never have afforded the materials and labor that Hope Builders lovingly provided her."

North Carolina Baptist Men is currently working together with local Baptist associations and local helping agencies, in developing a network of help. "Partner churches" will have the chance to adopt a project, providing both materials and labor to renovate the homes of "partner families." These "partner churches" may come from anywhere across the state. "Host churches" are congregations in the immediate area who will assist the "partner churches" with various physical needs (lodging and meal arrangements, locating materials, etc.). These "host churches" will hopefully also develop a relationship and on-going ministry to the "partner family" once the project is completed.

Most projects will take around a week to complete. The target date for these projects will be sometime in the spring, summer or fall of 1996. "Partner churches" can work out a date which best fits their schedule.

In addition to Kings Mountain Association, "Hope Builders" projects will also be sponsored in Cabarrus and Union Associations in 1996. If your church is interested in taking on a Hope Builders project, or if you would like more information, please contact Mark Abernathy at (800) 395–5102 (EXT 335) or check the appropriate item on the back page. Together, we can offer hope in the name of Jesus!

Rex Everhart
State Homeland Projects Coordinator
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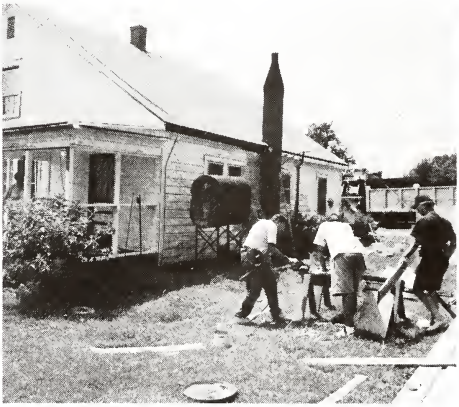

Hope Builder project expands in 1996.

PRAYER SUPPORT

Pray For Unreached People Groups

North Carolina Baptist Men and the World A Resource Center of Gardner Webb University have become prayer partners for unreached people groups. These unreached people groups represent millions of people, one-fourth of the entire world's population. These unreached people are in places where there is no, or very limited, access to the gospel. In fact, most have never heard of Jesus Christ. These are places where, because of political or other reasons, traditional missionary efforts are not possible. Methods such as medical, agricultural, and construction means are the only way to have contact with these unreached people groups.

In the Owner's Manual, information on these people groups and a request for prayer are listed each month. The Owner's Manual is a companion piece to MANDATE, the N.C. missions video magazine that highlights state, national and international missions. We will also include four of these groups in each issue of Men on Mission for the next year.

If you would like more information about these groups listed below or other unreached people groups, please contact Cathy Ollis, World A Resource Center, School of Divinity, Gardner Webb University, Boiling Springs, N.C. 28017, (704) 434–4656.

Pray for the Fulani (foo-lah-nee) people group. There are 11,900,000 Fulani people. Most of these people live in Nigeria and Cameroon Africa. Of all the Fulani people, there are only 36,000 Christians. Pray that the Fulani people will come to know of God's love for them as revealed in Jesus Christ.

Pray for the Mongolian (mahn-go-lee-en) people group. There are 4,400,000 Mongolian people. Most of these people live in Mongolia and China. Of all the Mongolian people, there are only 1,200 Christians. Pray that the Mongolian people will come to know of God's love for them as revealed in Jesus Christ.

Pray for the Hui (hway) people group. There are 8,600,000 Hui people. Most of these people live in China. Of all the Hui people, there are no known Christians. Pray that the Hui people will come to know of God's love for them as revealed in Jesus Christ.

Pray for the Gypsy people group. There are 21,300,000 Gypsy people. Most of these people live in India, Romania, and Spain. Of all the Gypsy people, there are only 1,600,000 Christians. Pray that the Gypsy people will come to know of God's love for them as revealed in Jesus Christ.

Baptist Men have been involved in several mission trips to these unreached people groups with plans to expand opportunities to go into these areas of the world.

FAMILY FOUNDATIONS

Take Advantage Of Men's Ministry Opportunities

Remember Pastors

Clergy Appreciation Month has passed but we still need to intercede for our pastors. Pastors are an important part of missions in a church and your Baptist Men's group can become the instrument God uses to spark a fire of revival in your church. One way is to pray for church leadership and for strength and encouragement of your pastor. We honor God and the people He uses when we pray for them.

Racial Reconciliation Is Our Obligation

As Baptist Men, we need to be committed to racial reconciliation in our associations and churches. Baptist Men can take up the banner of racial reconciliation engaging in mission projects with minority men's groups. One way is to pair up and pool resources to make a difference in the community.

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Family Foundations Tip For Fathers

No matter what grade your child receives on a test, make sure they know they are your all time best son or daughter.

Dennie Crowder
State Family Foundations Director
9705 Stoney Hill Lane
Charlotte, NC 28277
(704) 541–7760

Help Alleviate World Hunger

Certainly we have been blessed with worldly goods. We have never been hungry or homeless or without medical care. Yet there are those around the world who live in such conditions right now. You can see them in Rwanda, Somalia, Sudan, Bosnia and Croatia. You can also see them in Charlotte and Raleigh and "Small Town," USA.

What can I do? The problem is too big. That's true, the problem is huge and it is easy to be overwhelmed. But, I am reminded of an African proverb that says "drop by drop, the bucket is filled." We must remember that hunger and poverty affects individuals, and we can help individuals.

Following are ideas that can help you begin a ministry to those who are hungry:

- Give some time to a local soup kitchen or food pantry. Get to know those who frequent such places. You may find that they are not so different from you or me.
- Soup kitchens are always needing supplies. Perhaps your Sunday School class would be interested in a project that provides paper or canned goods.
- My RA group participated in a gleaning project last fall. It was easy. I simply called a local farmer and asked him if we could pick up sweet potatoes after he had harvested them. He readily agreed and the RAs loved it. It was almost as if they were hunting Easter eggs. In less than an hour, a pickup truck load of potatoes was salvaged. They were delivered to the local soup kitchen.
- Participate in a Souper Bowl. Have volunteers standing at all the church exits on a Sunday morning. Ask one volunteer to speak for a couple of minutes on local hunger relief projects and ask each church member to contribute one dollar as they leave the service. Give the proceeds to a local project.
- Order rice bowls and ask church members to put pocket change into the bowls. You will not even miss the pocket change, yet you will be surprised at how fast it does add up. Send the proceeds to the Foreign Mission Board or the N.C. Baptist Men's office.
- Give to special hunger relief offerings. Last year, N.C. Baptists spent more on chewing gum than on hunger relief projects.
- Pray for those involved in hunger relief projects and pray for those who are hungry.

Don Pittman
State Ag Missions Coordinator
4719 River Road
Wilson, NC 27893
(919) 243–7328

Ag Missions Overseas Mission Opportunity

Tom Waddill, Agricultural Missionary to Zambia, will be on furlough from May 1 through June 30, 1996. He needs a volunteer to manage an agricultural demonstration farm during his absence. Give Don Pittman a call at (919) 243–7328 for more information on this exciting mission opportunity.

Experiencing God Leadership Training Available

Don Gibson, author and person responsible for adapting the Experiencing God materials into a weekend manual, will be in Cary on Thursday, January 11, 1996.

Don conducts many training conferences across the nations and has agreed, upon the invitation of our NCBM director, to come to North Carolina. The tentative plans are to have the leadership training for an Experiencing God weekend at the Baptist Building in Cary. The schedule is for Thursday, January 11, 1996, from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon and 1:00–3:00 p.m.

If God has spoken to you through Experiencing God and you as a pastor or leader feel that you should be involved, please register by checking the appropriate item on the back page.

Cameron Norris
State Lay Renewal Coordinator
3471 Bassett St., S.W.
Shallotte, NC 28459
(910) 754–4839

Sports in Missions Gears Up For 1996 Activities

Imagine a young man going to a basketball game or a soccer match or a sports clinic. And when he arrived, he not only saw an exciting event or learned how to play his sport better but watched young men play hard and fair and have a different attitude surrounding them. Then he heard up close and in person about their relationship with Jesus Christ that brought them to his town. That is what the Sports In Missions ministry is all about. We are looking for young Christian men who want to use their athletic talent to reach out to others to build relationships, sports skills, and present Jesus as the reason for being there.

Apply now to be a part of this unique and exciting N.C. Baptist Men's ministry. Our overseas basketball team and overseas soccer team will be going in July to an unconfirmed site. Our Sports (basketball) Clinic will be held in Wilmington, June 24-28. If you are a sophomore, junior, or senior in high school, apply for the overseas teams. If you are a college student or adult, apply for the sports clinic trip. Don't miss this opportunity to use your talent and love for sports and your love of the Lord to be a part of this ministry. All details will be included in your application.

Our Sports In Missions committee is currently matching our talents with all the opportunities that are being presented. We will announce our future plans and timetable for those plans at the NCBM convention in High Point in February.

Contact Gary Bowne at the address below for team application and information, for speaking engagements, or for assistance in any way through the sports program. You may also contact Jimmy Huffman, Associate for Youth, NCBM office in Cary (800) 395–5102 (Ext. 342) or check the appropriate item on the back page.

Gary Bowne
State Sports In Missions Coordinator
237 32nd Ave., NW
Hickory, NC 28601
(704) 327-6282

Opportunities To Serve At Camp Caraway Exist

Each year North Carolina Baptist Men provides the opportunity for 24 young men to serve as staff members at Camp Caraway, the Royal Ambassador Camp in Asheboro. Sixteen counselors, six counselors-in-training, and one lifeguard are selected.

Counselors must be college-age. They work with a group of 8–14 boys each week, overseeing the safety and well being of each camper. The counselor supervises his cabin group in all activities. Their primary responsibility is to live out the Christian lifestyle 24 hours a day, showing the boys what it means to walk with Christ.

Counselors-in-training must have completed their junior year in high school. These young men work closely with the counselors and the camp assistant director in the supervision of boys.

The lifeguard is responsible for the supervision of campers during their swim time as well as the cleaning of the pool each day. As with other staffers, the lifeguard lives in a cabin with campers, and shares in their supervision when not at the pool.

The camp session runs nine weeks from mid-June until mid-August. Staffers are expected to serve the full nine weeks. The first week is an orientation time for the staff. All aspects of staffer responsibilities will be covered during this time. Most weekends are free for staffers to go home or stay and relax at camp. Each staff position is a paid position. Meals and lodging are provided.

Many lives are changed each year at Camp Caraway. Some boys accept Christ as their Savior at camp. Many others leave knowing that the Christian lifestyle is real. This knowledge can lead to the difference between a boy growing up to be a nominal Christian and one who dedicates himself to a growing relationship with Christ. These changes are due in large part to the love of Christ displayed in the lives of Caraway staff members.

If you or someone you know would like to participate in this life-changing ministry, please write or call Mark Abernathy at N.C. Baptist Men, PO Box 1107, Cary, NC 27512, (800) 395–5102 (Ext. 335) or check the appropriate item on the back page.

"See College Days" Packs Action

Several college campuses across the state will be the scene for "See College Days" in upcoming months. "See College Days" is an opportunity for RAs, Challengers, or other church youth groups to tour local Baptist college campuses, enjoy a program and lunch, and see an exciting college ballgame. The following college campuses will be conducting "See College Days" events in the coming months:

February 10 — Gardner-Webb University vs. Catawba College in basketball

"Winter Celebration" program and lunch; begins at 9:15 a.m.; $9.50 per person. Contact Nathan Alexander, (704) 434–2361.

February 17 — Campbell University vs. Florida International in basketball

Registration 8:30–10:30 a.m.; program begins at 10:45 a.m.; $4.50 per person. Contact Jerry Woods, (800) 334-4111.

February 17 — Wingate University vs. Elon College in basketball

Program and lunch; begins at 11:00 a.m.; $6 per person. Contact Mike Hamilton, (704) 233–8026.

Lad/Crusader Congresses Slated For April 13

On Saturday, April 13, three locations across the state will be abuzz with energetic Royal Ambassadors. That's the date for the 1996 State RA Congresses. For many RAs, this is the highlight of the year. The day begins with a program which includes singing, a challenging missionary speaker, and a fun entertainer. After lunch, boys can participate in fun field day activities and an air rifle competition. RA racer run-offs will be held for those boys who won in their associations. Individuals and chapters may also participate in the missions fair. A banner contest will be held for any chapter wanting to participate.

The 1996 Congress, an event for Lads and Crusaders (grades 1–6), will be April 13. The eastern congress will be held at First Church, Kinston. The central congress will be at Mills Children's Home in Thomasville. The western congress will be at East Middle School in Icard (west of Hickory). The cost of the congress is $5 per person. Registration and check-in begins at 8:15 a.m. The program starts at 10:30 a.m. It is very important that you pre-register with our office for this event. For more information or a registration form, please check the appropriate item on the back page.

Come and enjoy a fun-filled day at the 1996 Lad/Crusader Congress! There's something for everyone!

RA's and leaders enjoy the RA Congress

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North Carolina Distinguished Honor Chapters Selected

Three North Carolina RA Chapters and one Challengers Unit have been selected as Distinguished Honor Chapter for 1994–95. Each candidate chapter turns in a scrapbook which chronicles its activities for the year. North Carolina Baptist Men provides a list of guidelines which each chapter/unit must meet in order to be considered an Honor Chapter. Any chapter/unit completing this form and submitting a scrapbook can be recognized as an Honor Chapter. Each scrapbook is judged by the State RA/Challenger Committee. Those chapters/units who go 'above and beyond' in participation in both mission and interest activities, and presentation of those activities in their scrapbook, may be judged to be Distinguished Honor Chapters.

As always, many excellent entries were submitted this year. Of these, four were judged to be Distinguished: Both the Lad and Crusader chapters of Elizabeth Church in Shelby; the Crusader Chapter of First Church, Asheboro; and the Challengers Unit of Elizabeth Church in Shelby. Each of these displayed a strong involvement in chapter meetings, mission projects, and interest activities.

A set of guidelines is available from NCBM for chapters/units seeking recognition as Honor Chapter. Start now chronicling the good work your RAs and Challengers are doing! For more information or an Honor Chapter form check the appropriate item on the back page.

World Changers Crew Chiefs Needed

During the summer of 1996, there will be two World Changers National Work Projects held in North Carolina. One will be located in western N.C. in Murphy during July 20–27, and one in the capital city of Raleigh from July 27–August 3rd. These projects will involve instructing youth as they work on low-income housing. Knowledge of construction is preferred, but a willingness to work with youth is a must. Crew chiefs must be present for the entire week and a training weekend may be required. All crew chiefs will be volunteers, however, travel expenses are paid to the location and back.

World Changers is an exciting program coordinated by the Brotherhood Commission, SBC that has grown from 140 youth involved six years ago to over 6,000 involved during the summer of 1995. To receive a crew chief application, contact NCBM at (800) 395–5102 (Ext. 342) or check the appropriate item on the back page.

Thousands os youth are involved in hands-on missions every year through World Changers.

1996 State RA/Challengers Track Meet Announced

The State Track Meet for Crusaders and Challengers will be held on May 18th at Southwest Randolph High School in Asheboro. The meet will be for those in the 4th through 12th grade. All participants must first qualify at their associational track meet. First, second and third place finishers are eligible. Preliminaries will be held in the morning, and finals in the afternoon. Again this year, awards will go to the churches with the highest point total in each age division. The Bill Hern Missions Award will be given for the highest overall score. The cost is $3.50 per participant. All track meet information will be mailed out after January 1st. To receive information, check the appropriate item on the back page.

1996 RA/Challengers University Coming

Wingate University will be the site for the 1996 RA/Challengers University, sponsored by North Carolina Baptist Men and the State Brotherhood Department of South Carolina. The date for this event will be Friday, May 31– Saturday June 1. RA/Challengers University is an opportunity to receive in-depth training on how to be an effective leader in RAs and Challengers. Possible sessions may include chapter meetings, missions activities, discipline and motivation, witnessing and evangelism, crafts, recognition ceremonies, role modeling, World Changers, age-group characteristics — just to name a few. There will also be a session for Associational RA Leadership. Make plans now to attend this exciting training opportunity and watch for more details in coming weeks. For more information, check the appropriate item on the back page.

1996 Challengers Convention Set

Theme: "Sports and Missions: How to Play the Game of Your Life"

The 1996 Challengers Convention will be held at Gardner-Webb University on March 29–30, in Boiling Springs. This will be an exciting weekend of missions and sporting events. Additional information will be available after January 1st. For more information, check the appropriate item on the back page.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION'S 1996 COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

Listed below are the vacancies to be filled by the 1996 Committee on Nominations:

General Board
Alexander, Alleghany, Anson, Avery, Buncombe (2), Cheoah, Cullom, Gaston (2), Haywood, Liberty, Macon Mitchell, Montgomery, Mount Zion, New River, North Roanoke, Pilot Mountain, Raleigh, Robeson, Rowan, Sandy Creek, South Mountain, Stony Fork, Transylvania, Truett, Wilmington, Yates, Region 2, Region 3, Region 6

Council on Christian Life and Public Affairs
Three members-at-large

Colleges
Campbell University–12 trustees; Chowan College–9 trustees; Gardner-Webb University–9 trustees; Mars Hill College–9 trustees; Meredith College–9 trustees; Wingate University–9 trustees.

Social Service Institutions
Baptist Children's Homes–9 trustees; Baptist Hospital–6 trustees; Baptist Retirement Homes–5 trustees.

Agencies
Baptist Foundation–5 directors; Biblical Recorder–4 directors.

(If you wish to make a recommendation, please mail this entire page back to the Committee on Nominations.)

Recommendations may be sent to Robert L. Clegg, chair, PO Box 1107, Cary, NC 27512–1107. Deadline: **Jan. 31, 1996**. (PLEASE PRINT. Form may be photocopied.)

1. Believing that the following person is committed to Jesus Christ, is a person of integrity, is active in the church and has proven leadership ability, I recommend _____
2. Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
3. Telephone numbers: ( ) _____ (Bus.) ( ) _____ (Res.)
4. Approximate age _____ Male _____ Female _____
5. Check the *ONE* (General Board, Agency, Council, Institution) *you believe this person can best serve:*
   - ❑ Baptist Foundation
   - ❑ *Biblical Recorder*
   - ❑ Baptist Children's Homes
   - ❑ N.C. Baptist Retirement Homes
   - ❑ N.C. Baptist Hospital
   - ❑ General Board
   - ❑ Christian Life Council
   - ❑ Campbell University
   - ❑ Chowan College
   - ❑ Gardner-Webb University
   - ❑ Mars Hill College
   - ❑ Meredith College
   - ❑ Wingate University
6. Association in which church is located _____
7. Nominee's church _____ Resident membership _____
   Church address _____
   Church telephone number ( ) _____
   List past and present positions held in the local church: _____
   Give statement as to the past and present support of this person to this church and to North Carolina Baptists: _____
   Denominational service (past and present): _____
8. Is person an ordained minister? _____
   If a minister, list previous ministries: _____
9. If a layperson, occupation: _____
   Brief resume of business or professional experience: _____

Please attach a separate sheet for additional information you feel would be helpful to this committee.

Please understand that this recommendation **DOES NOT** assure that the person you are recommending will be nominated by the Committee on Nominations and/or elected by the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina; however, your recommendation will be given serious consideration. "The consent of a nominee to serve shall be secured by the Committee on Nominations." Bylaw II,E,4,a.

Signed: _____
(name of person making recommendation)

_____
(mailing address)

Telephone no. ( ) _____

Church _____ Association _____

Date: _____

Deadline: January 31, 1996

RECOMMENDATION TO THE BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION'S 1996 COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

Recommendations may be sent to: Committee on Committees, PO Box 1107, Cary, NC 27512-1107. **The deadline is: May 31, 1996.** *(You may photocopy this form.)*

1. Because I believe that the following named person has demonstrated in his/her personal and church life a strong commitment to Christian beliefs and principles and is capable of providing stable and effective leadership in an important denominational position:
   I recommend: (full name)_____
2. Address_____ City_____ Zip_____
   Phone: Bus: ( )_____ Res: ( ) _____
3. Approximate age_____ Male _____ Female_____
4. Check the ***ONE COMMITTEE*** on which you believe this person can best serve:
   _____ Cooperation with General Baptists
   _____ Historical
   _____ Local Arrangements
   _____ Memorials
   _____ Nominations
   _____ Convention Program
   _____ Resolutions
   _____ Trustee Orientation
5. Please state why you feel this person is qualified to serve: _____
   _____
   _____
6. Other information about the person you are recommending:
   a. Nominee's church_____ Resident church membership_____
      Church address_____ City_____ Zip_____
      Church telephone number ( )_____
   b. Association to which this church belongs: _____
   c. Give a statement as to the past and present support of this person to this church and to North Carolina Baptists: _____
      _____
      _____
   d. Is the person ordained?_____ If so, list churches served: _____
      _____
   e. If lay person, occupation past five years:_____
      _____
      If lay person, list positions filled in the local church _____
      _____
   f. Would this person take seriously the responsibility of service on a convention committee? _____
   g. Denominational service (to be completed for a pastor or a lay person). List associational and/or convention boards, committees, commissions, etc. served on and offices held:_____
      _____
7. Please understand that this recommendation ***DOES NOT*** assure that the person you are recommending will be nominated by the Committee on Committees and/or elected by the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina; however, your recommendation will be given serious consideration. The consent of a nominee will be secured by the Committee on Committees.

Signed:_____
(name of person making the recommendation)

Mailing address: _____

City_____ Zip _____

Telephone number: ( ) _____

Church_____ Association_____

Date:_____

CHECK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION & REGISTRATION

Winter 1996, For additional information and registration, check the appropriate block and mail this back page (with the label) to: North Carolina Baptist Men, P.O. Box 1107, Cary, NC 27512–1107

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- ❑ Adult medium *Quantity*____ = Total $____
- ❑ Adult large *Quantity*____ = Total $____
- ❑ Adult X-large *Quantity*____ = Total $____

+ Shipping/handling *$ 2.00*
Grand Total $____

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- ❑ Adult XX-large *Quantity*____ = Total $____

+ Shipping/handling *$ 2.00*
Grand Total $____

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TO REGISTER FOR CONFERENCES

- ❑ Experiencing God Leadership Training, Jan. 11, 1996; (No Cost) #_____ persons attending.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: Office _____ Home _____

Church _____ Association _____

Leadership Position _____

Registration Fee (if applicable) $ _____ Number in group (if applicable) _____

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